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Council President Robb Pitts
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

I hereby return with my veto, Ordinance # 01-O-2003

On December 3, 2001 the Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance # 01-O-2003 which would require that any fee increases by United Water for operation and management of the Atlanta Water System is approved by the Governing Body of the City of Atlanta.

The agreement with United Water is governed by terms negotiated by the Executive Branch and adopted by the Legislative Branch. The authorization and ceiling for additional charges and increases in this agreement are covered by the City's Purchasing Code, as are the changes for all other agreements. If the governing body were to interject itself into the daily oversight of this agreement, the operation would become unwieldy and inefficient. If fees and other increases reach the cap as established by law then the governing body should, and is compelled, to take action.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have verped this piece of legislation.

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## AN ORDINANCE

## BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THAT ANY FEE INCREASES BY UNITED WATER FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ATLANTA WATER SYSTEM BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA.

WHEREAS, an Operation and Management contract for the City of Atlanta's Department of Water was debated and passed by the Atlanta City Council in 1997; and

WHEREAS, United Water was awarded the Operation and Management contract for a twenty (20) year time period; and

WHEREAS, the Operation and Management contract only allows administrative fee changes for some foreseen, specific cost overruns, such as the cost for chemicals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

<u>SECTION 1:</u> That any fee increases by the contractor (United Water) for Operation and Management of the Atlanta Water System must be approved by the governing body of the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

## Atlanta City Council

## Regular Session

01-0-2003 REQUIRE ANY FEE INCREASES BY UNITED WATER BE APPROVED BY GOVERNING BODY.

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